

Illing Middle School PTSA Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2014

Meeting called to order by: Sara Cleveland, President at 7:02 pm.

Attendees: Sara Cleveland, Mary Keenan Klotzer, Andy Kidd, Janet Resto, Dave Mazzotta, Jay Carangelo, Judy Johnson, Wilma Beaulieu, Diane Maloney, Sara O'Brien, Abigail O'Brien, Rachel Adams, Ashley Resto, Janet Resto, Carol Nelson, Jack Crockwell, Cole Morson, Evan Dowling, Jessie Morson, David Welch

Secretary's Report

Presenter: Mary Klotzer

- Minutes from previous PTSA meeting on 11/13/13 were distributed and reviewed. A motion was made by Sara O'Brien, seconded by Wilma Beaulieu to accept the minutes. PTSA members (with no objections and no abstentions) approved the minutes.
- PTSA membership continues to be going well, with 176 members, including 54 teachers/staff, 15 student members and 14 community members. Membership is open throughout the year. Illing PTSA would like to thank Board of Directors Leo Diana, mayor and Lisa O'Neill for joining our PTSA and thank Board of Education members Mary Jane Pazda, Carl Stafford and Jason Scappaticci for joining as well. These BOD/BOE members accepted an invitation to join the PTAs in all our Manchester schools.

Treasurer's Report

Presenter: Andy Kidd

- Four budget documents were distributed to PTSA members including the previous budget, the proposed amended budget, the November and December monthly reports. Each document was reviewed. Andy noted that a line item for funding teacher requests was added to amended budget, and funding for upgrades to the teacher lunchroom was added. Parameters of distribution of teacher request money were discussed. A motion was made by Janet Resto to amend the budget and accept the reports and was seconded by Diane Maloney. PTSA members (with no objections and no abstentions) approved the reports.
- The November treasury report was reviewed and a motion was made by Sara O'Brien and seconded by Diane Maloney. The December treasury report was reviewed and a motion was made by Carol Nelson and seconded by Wilma Beaulieu. PTSA members (with no objections and no abstentions) approved the reports.

Student Council Report

Presenters: Ashley Resto and Rachel Adams

- Ashley and Rachel reported that Illing students helped raise money for the Hole in the Wall Gang camp during the Manchester Road Race. Runners and walkers in the Manchester Road Race made pledges and \$2,000 was raised. There will be a student dance on January 31st. The theme is Under the Sea.
- On January 24 there will be a Dress Down Day. All students who have been following the dress code are eligible to participate. There is a \$2 fee required that will go toward decorations for the dance. All students have had compliance sheets stapled to their planners to track any dress code violations.

Principal's Report

Presenter: David Welch

- Mr. Welch discussed that teacher's professional day on 1/17/14 will focus on use of technology as it applies to Chrome books and NWEA. The new testing era is bringing new technology needs. All students will receive Chrome books next year that will remain at school. All standardized testing (including NWEA and the Smarter Balanced Assessment) will be completed on the computer. An additional staff member may be hired to aid with technical assistance in the library to help with Chrome book use.
- The entire back wing of the school (1st and 2nd floor) will be renovated over the summer. Open classrooms will be walled off and self-contained. Carpeting will be removed. The painting of the

lockers will be completed by summer and will improve the look of the lockers. The gym floors will also be re-sanded and a new logo will be applied.

- IMS is moving forward with technology courses in lieu of Family Consumer Science and the old Tech Ed courses. The new technology courses will focus on computers, robotics and STEM curriculum.
- The Winter Enrichment Showcase will be held on January 29th (8th graders) and January 30th (7th graders) in the Media Center from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.
- Illing welcomes another visiting author. Alan Wolf will be here tomorrow (1/16/14) to talk with students.
- The Martin Luther King celebration and award ceremony will be held at MHS tomorrow evening. The Illing National Junior Honor Society will get group recognition and the individual Illing student winner is Sierra Petro.
- The names of the Illing Teams are being considered for change, as there are no colleges/universities that actually represent students of color such Howard University or Lincoln University. Illing's demographic data: American Indian: 13, Asian: 60, Black: 246, Hispanic: 208, Native Hawaiian: 9, White: 482.
- 11 Dads braved the frigid cold on December 13 and attended Doughnuts for Dads with Dave. March Madness Family Fun Night will be on March 26 at 7 pm in the Kelley Gym. Muffins for Moms will be held on Monday, May 12 at 7:15 am.
- At the next PTSA meeting Mr. Welch will show the *Steps to Success* DVD.
- It was noted that the morning announcements are now posted daily on the Illing website. Mr. Welch was thanked for making this happen.

Box Tops For Education

Presenter: Judy Johnson

- Judy introduced self as an Illing Mom and a Sam's Club employee. She gave an overview of the Sam's Box Tops for Education promotion, which can be found at www.BeTrueToYourSchool.com. Parents can "like" Sam's Club Facebook page at samsclub/boxtops to earn 5 eBox tops. If you are not a member, Sam's Club is offering a \$10 gift card with membership.

President's Report

Presenter: Sara Cleveland

- Sara reported that we will have a Butter Braid fundraiser in the Spring. Order forms will go home with students, and we will try to get an order form on the Illing web site.
- Sara thanked the Illing PTSA Board members for their support. If any parents have interest in being on next year's Board please contact us at IllingmiddleSchoolPTSA@gmail.com.

New Business:

Presenter: various

- **Stop & Shop A+ Rewards Update:** At our November meeting we reported that Illing had 71 people signed up at Stop & Shop A+ rewards. PTSA members and staff were encouraged to sign up at https://www.stopandshop.com/our_stores/bonus_bucks/index.htm in order to increase funding for our school. We currently have 141 members and have now earned a total of \$627.34. Registration sign-up continues until the end of January. The more people signed up, the more money earned for Illing.
- A question was asked about having a guest speaker on Internet safety. Concerns were raised about cost. Mr. Welch reported that students are getting education on Internet safety from Officer Brouillard and in the computer technology class. Judy Johnson volunteered to investigate possible grants through Sam's Club.

Next PTSA meeting will be on February 12, 2014 at 7 pm in the Cafeteria.

Sara Cleveland closed meeting at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Keenan Klotzer

PTSA Secretary